

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

October 14, 2008

On Friday, October 3, 2008 a "Boil Water Order" was issued for Camp David Gonzales, a Probation Camp located in the unincorporated Malibu area. The Order was issued because eight out of thirteen water samples collected in September, 2008 from the water distribution system at Camp Gonzales tested positive for Total Coliform during both routine and repeat testing.

On Saturday, October 4 five repeat samples were taken and tested. Of these, two tested positive for Total Coliform.

The water at Camp Gonzales is supplied by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. The water is stored in two tanks located on the Camp premises. The water supply is utilized for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. In response to the Boil Water Order, bottled water is being issued to the wards and boiled or bottled water is being used for cooking. However, as of Friday, October 10 the underlying problems have not been resolved and the Boil Water Order remains in place.

Several theories have been advanced as to the genesis of this problem, including a lack of regular cleaning and testing of the water tanks, the availability of chlorinators within the tanks, and the availability of appropriate mechanisms to ensure that the chlorine is properly circulated within the tanks; as well as the possibility of a cross-

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connection between the potable and reclaimed water lines servicing the Camp.

Responsibility for this situation rests with the Internal Services Department as well as with Probation and Public Health. All three Departments, together with the Chief Executive Office, must resolve this problem immediately and take steps to ensure that water supplied to this and all other County Probation Camps is always pure and safe to drink.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Internal Services Department, together with the Probation Department and the Public Health Department; with assistance from the Chief Executive Officer; be instructed to immediately resolve the problem of high bacterial counts in the water supply at Camp David Gonzales which have necessitated the imposition of a Boil Water Order for over one week; and

I FURTHER MOVE that these Departments be instructed to report to the Board at its meeting of October 14, 2008 on how this problem arose, how it is being resolved and what steps are being taken to ensure that it does not re-occur; and

I FURTHER MOVE that these Departments be instructed to set and maintain a regular, rigorous schedule of water testing at all its Probation Camps to ensure that the water supplied to our wards meets all water quality standards at all times.

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